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VWP, DRV GOVERNMENT APPEAL TO COMPATRIOTS AFTER BOMBINGS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA April 16--The Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today issued the following appeal:

"Compatriots and combatants throughout the country:

"The U.S. imperialists are very gravely escalating their war of aggression in our country. They are sending in more planes and warships and stepping up bombings and shellings to kill our people in both the north and the south.

"From 2:15 am today, April 16, 1972 many flights of U.S. war planes including B-52's many times indiscriminately bombed and strafed heavily populated areas in Hai Phong and Hanoi.

"These savage acts, coupled with the stubborn attitude of sabotaging the Paris conference, show that the bellicose Nixon clique are pursuing their war policy in an attempt to materialize their scheme of aggression against the southern part of our country. They want to save the 'Vietnamization of the war' policy from the danger of total failure. They want to secure a position of strength while they are suffering heavy setbacks and [are] hard pressed on the battlefield, in a bid to compel us to 'negotiate' on their terms and to materialize U.S.-type neo-colonialism in the south of our country. Obviously, the bellicose Nixon clique are making a large-scale escalation of the war and at the same time using crafty political and diplomatic ploys to cover up their wicked design of aggression.

"But every step of war escalation taken by the U.S. aggressors has resulted in a still heavier setback for them. Our armed forces and people throughout the country hate them more bitterly and are valiantly marching forward with a determination to fight and win, fearing neither hardships nor sacrifices.

"Years ago, with more than half a million U.S. soldiers and more than 1 million Saigon puppet troops and troops of satellite countries, the U.S. aggressors were defeated in the south. Now that the balance of force has changed to the disadvantage of the U.S. and its stooges, the U.S. policy of 'Vietnamization' of the war will certainly go bankrupt.

"By using U.S. air and naval forces to attack North Vietnam, the U.S. aggressors are only inviting upon themselves yet heavier failures. Our people bear in mind this teaching from beloved President Ho Chi Minh's: 'Hanoi, Hai Phong and other cities and certain enterprises may be destroyed, but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated! Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom (underline whole sentence--ed). When the day of victory comes, our people will rebuild our country and endow it with bigger and more beautiful construction.'"

"Our countrymen and liberation fighters in the south are striking hard, winning big victories and dashing forward to totally defeat the U.S. aggressors' policy of 'Vietnamization' of the war. Our army and people in the north are duly punishing the acts of war of the U.S. air and naval forces which encroach upon the independence, sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, always ready to fight and fight well, striving to boost up production, strengthening the north in all respects, and fulfilling their noble task toward the heroic south.

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"Let our entire party, army and people, united millions as one, heighten their revolutionary heroism, resolutely struggle for the independence and freedom of the homeland, for the cause of liberating the south, defending the socialist north, and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the country! Our people, together with the fraternal peoples of Laos and Cambodia, are resolved to drive the U.S. imperialists out of Indochina Peninsula! Let our people's armed forces dash forward valiantly and fight unremittingly to kill the enemy and save the country!"

"Every citizen should be a staunch fighter against U.S. aggression, for national salvation. Every factory, building site, state farm, cooperative, public organ, school and street should be a trench ready to fight to shatter all military adventures of the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen!"

"The Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam sincerely thank the communist and workers parties, the governments and peoples of the fraternal socialist countries, of peace- and justice-loving countries, and all democratic and peace organizations in the world for the active support they are giving to the just struggle of the Vietnamese people."

"In face of the new situation, we firmly believe that our brothers and friends in the world will give us even more active support, strongly condemn in time the dangerous schemes and acts of war of the U.S. imperialists in Vietnam."

"We call on the American people to resolutely stop all acts of war escalation of the war-seeking Nixon clique for the sake of peace, justice and honor of the United States."

"Compatriots and combatants throughout the country: Our people's struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, is a just cause. The tradition of valiant struggle against aggression and the strength of unity of our people are invincible. Countrymen and combatants, for the fatherland, for the nation, for peace and justice, march forward valiantly."

"We will certainly be victorious!"

"The U.S. aggressors will certainly be defeated!"

"Long live peaceful, unified, independent, democratic and prosperous Vietnam!"

DRV CLAIMS 15 U.S. JETS DOWNED OVER HANOI, HAI PHONG

5. Over Hai Phong

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[Text] On the morning of 16 April, Hai Phong won a glorious victory by downing three U.S. jets. At 0200 hours on 16 April, the U.S. imperialists frantically sent several groups of aircraft to bomb and strafe a number of populated areas in Hai Phong city. Thoroughly implementing the High Command's order, the troops and people of the heroic port city fought very gloriously, counterattacked the enemy very fiercely and appropriately punished the U.S. aggressors.